

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in this patent application. By this response, claims 12-17 have been withdrawn from further consideration. Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested.

Election

In response to the election requirement set forth in the March 8, 2006 Office Action, Applicant elects the following patentably distinct species represented by FIGS. 1-7, 9-10, and 12-14. Claims 1-11 are readable on this patentably distinct species.

Claim Pending in Patent Application But Not Included in Restriction

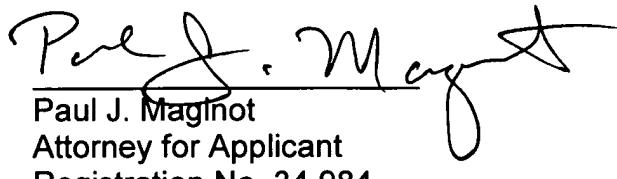
Applicants respectfully request that claims 12-17 be withdrawn from further consideration. However, the Applicant is retaining these claims in this patent application pending a decision regarding the filing of a divisional patent application.

Conclusion

A prompt and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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